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Re: Amendment and Response  
Appl. No.: 10/733,776  
Filed: December 12, 2003  
Title: **Process for the Fermentative Preparation of  
L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the  
Enterobacteriaceae Family**  
Inventor(s): RIEPING, Mechthild  
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/80921

Sir:

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1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
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It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postcard be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Sanzo".

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**Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2006 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of the present document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of the present document.